

## **Lifespan Respite Care Program**

### **Project Summary**

**Grantee Organization:** State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division

**State:** Nevada

**Project Period:** August 2012 through February 2014

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#### **Project Overview:**

The State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division in partnership with Nevada Mental Health and Developmental Services, the Nevada Grants Management Unit and the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLSRCC) will collaborate to create a sustainable system of respite care and caregiver supportive services in the state. The **goals** of the project are to 1) build a replicable model of coordinated respite services statewide across the age spectrum; 2) improve and fully utilize the capacity of the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition to build upon existing respite services, develop service models, and improve access to respite; and 3) integrate systems to connect respite providers and caregivers to available resources.

Program **objectives** are to 1) develop and use a minimum data set for respite care providers to collect standardized data; 2) develop and target geographic and underserved rural and urban areas; and 3) develop a standardized assessment tool to determine and measure how services meet caregiver and provider needs/expectations.

#### **Outcomes and Products:**

Anticipated **outcomes** include increased rural access to respite services; demonstrated ADRC Portal use in rural and urban communities; documented increase in respite service provider coverage throughout the state; increased Coalition representation; improved coordination of shared resources; and demonstrated improvement in connecting rural caregivers to available services.

Anticipated **products** include a provider assessment tool to measure consumer satisfaction; a Respite Services Classification System to define “levels of care” for providers; and an enhanced ADRC “Portal” for improved data collection, communication and coordination between provider agencies and improved consumer access.